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PATENT APPLICATION

Inventors: Stephen P. DeOrnellas et al.

SC/Serial No.: Unknown

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Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK
FOR CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

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CONTINUATION APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing as a X continuation divisional application under the continuing application procedure of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1) is a patent application identified as follows:

Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK FOR CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

Inventor(s): Stephen P. DeOrnellas, Leslie G. Jerde, Alferd Cofer

No. of Pages in Specification: 21, No. of Claims: 41.

No. of Sheets of Drawings: 2; Formal: X or Informal: .

Identification of Prior Complete Application

SC/Serial No.: 09/009/369

Art Unit: 1765

Filed: January 20, 1998

Examiner: Umez Eronini, L.

Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK FOR CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH
CONTAINMENT

Inventor(s): Stephen P. DeOrnellas, et al.

Delete the Following Inventor(s) for This Application: (none)

Declaration

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A copy of the Declaration (signed by all inventors) and the Prior Complete Application and Figures are submitted herewith.

Amendments

Please CANCEL in this application original claims_____ of the prior complete application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.) However, if this instruction results in cancellation of all original claims, please instead retain the lowest numbered original claim.

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Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line of the application: "This application is a continuation of Serial No.09/009,369, filed January 20, 1998."

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A preliminary amendment is enclosed. Please enter the preliminary amendment before calculating the application filing fee. (Claims added must be consecutively numbered beginning with next number after highest number in prior complete application.)

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

No extension of time is required for the prior complete application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), enclosed is a petition for an extension of time for the prior complete application, up to and including today, for responding to the Office action together with the fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Power of Attorney

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A power of attorney appears in the prior complete application.

A new power of attorney is submitted herewith.

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Small Entity Statement

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_____ is submitted herewith,
together with an ASSIGNMENT RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET
and recordal fee of \$40.00.

Small Entity Statement

Priority of foreign application Serial No. _____, filed on _____,
in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 1.119.

The certified copy was filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

Statement(s) claiming small entity status is (are) submitted herewith.

Statement(s) claiming small entity status was filed in the parent application Serial No. 09/009,369, on August 17, 1998 and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

Small Entity Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate Small Entity/ Other Than Small Entity		
Basic Fee		\$355.00 \$710.00	=	\$355.00
Total Claims <u>41</u> ** - 20 = <u>21</u> *	X	\$ 9.00 \$ 18.00	=	\$189.00
Independent Claims <u>7</u> ** - 3 = <u>4</u> *	X	\$ 40.00 \$ 80.00	=	\$160.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) _____		\$135.00 \$270.00	=	\$0
Total PATENT APPLICATION FILING FEE:				\$704.00

- ### Method of Payment of Fees

Patent application filing fee	\$704.00
Net fee for extension of time (See attached petition)	\$
Assignment recordal fee (See attached cover sheet)	\$ =====
TOTAL FEE DUE:	\$704.00

- X A check in the amount of the TOTAL FEE DUE is enclosed.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A **duplicate** copy of this CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1) form is enclosed.

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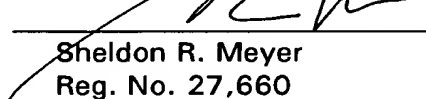
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